

## BUTTE NEWS.

## LADIES' CONVENTION

Proceedings of the Last Day of the  
Equal Suffrage Association.

## THEIR OFFICERS ELECTED

Mrs. Ella Knowles-Haskell is President and the Lady Makes a Speech—A Paper by Mrs. Atwater of Marysville.

The woman suffragists of Montana finished their second annual convention yesterday and adjourned at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Ella Knowles Haskell of Helena; vice president, Miss Sarepta Sanders of Helena; corresponding secretary, Rev. Florence Klock Crocker of Helena; recording secretary, Mrs. Mary Long Alderson of Bozeman; treasurer, Dr. Mary B. Atwater of Marysville; auditors, Mrs. Martha Dunkle of Butte and Mrs. Minnie Hickox of Livingston; delegate-at-large, Mrs. M. S. Cummings of Montana university; honorary president, Mrs. Harriet P. Sanders of Helena.

A committee was appointed for legislative work at Helena during the winter and the members of this committee will direct their efforts towards securing the legislation necessary to have the question of suffrage for women submitted to a vote of the people. The following resolutions were passed:

"Whereas, The populist party, the republican party and the silver republican party, in their respective state conventions assembled, adopted as a part of their respective platforms resolutions favoring the extension of suffrage to women; and

"Whereas, We confidently believe that had the question been presented to the democratic party in state convention assembled it would have adopted as a part of its platform a similar resolution; now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Montana Woman Suffrage association, in state convention assembled, hereby tenders to the populist, republican and silver republican parties its appreciation of the action taken by them by adopting said resolutions in their respective conventions. Be it

"Resolved, That we earnestly solicit the aid of the populist, democratic, republican and silver republican parties in the matter of securing the passage of a constitutional amendment by the next legislature submitting to the people the question of granting an extension of suffrage to women. Be it

"Resolved, That we favor such legislative action by congress and the various state legislatures as will give to women all the rights and privileges of electors.

"Isabel Giddon, Chairman.

"Ella Knowles Haskell, Secretary.

"Mary Long Alderson, Treasurer.

The following from the press and courtesies committee was adopted:

"The committee begs to say that it has reported the proceedings of the sessions and attended to all matters pertaining to it. We also beg leave to submit the following:

"Resolved, That we, in behalf of the delegates of the Women's Equal Suffrage convention, tender our sincere thanks to the ladies of the Butte club who have shown every hospitality and consideration. We would especially thank Mrs. E. R. Corbin, Mrs. Lucia B. Welsh, Mrs. Edwin S. Booth, Mrs. Martha E. Dunkle, Mrs. Tallant, Mrs. Clint Moore and Mrs. Mary Cook for entertainment, and Miss Hattie Hammond and Laura Fortune for music, recitations; also, be it

"Resolved, That we extend most hearty thanks to the press for the interest they have shown in publishing the proceedings of the meetings and for their general support. Also, to the Superintendent Kern of the Butte public schools, Col. W. F. Sanders and Edwin S. Booth for able speeches in behalf of our cause, and to all others who have taken an interest in the proceedings of this convention.

"Mrs. Mary E. Mahurin, Secretary.

"Mrs. Lucy B. Welsh, Treasurer.

"Mrs. Minnie N. Hickox, Secretary.

"Committee on Press and Courtesies.

Among the interesting features of the closing session was the able address delivered by Mrs. Ella Knowles-Haskell.

Mrs. Haskell told of the wonderful progress woman has made in the past 50 years to show that woman has improved the opportunities she has had. She said that when she graduated from college it was still a matter of doubt with instructors whether woman's brain could grasp mathematics, whether her gray matter was equal to the intricacies of calculus. The men and the women in her class studied side by side through the college course, and the women in the class carried off their full share of the honors. It was natural that the women should wonder if her male classmate could enter a certain profession, why she, who had shown for four years that she was his equal mentally could not enter the same profession.

"I respect the manhood and chivalry of the men of Montana," continued Mrs. Haskell, "yet it was not longer ago than in 1889 that I heard a wise solon on the floor of the Montana legislature, speaking on the question of admitting women to practice at the bar, say he would rather his wife or daughter scrub scrub floors all their lives than try to practice law. I believe that same man, however, is now with us in this fight, and that illustrates the progress we are making.

"In the interests of justice and humanity, I protest against a system of taxation without representation—a system that our forefathers fought against in 1776. As a simple matter of justice, I believe our husbands, fathers and brothers will vote to give us suffrage if the matter is submitted to their vote. I don't believe the men of Montana will say that we are less capable of exercising the elective franchise than our sisters of Colorado, Utah and Wyoming. I have never yet heard a logical argument against suffrage for women. It is no longer an experiment in Wyoming. There it has been tried for years and that state is best able to testify as to the success or failure of woman suffrage. In Wyoming to-day there is very little crime, and few poor houses. The women of California made a noble fight for suffrage at the recent election, but were beaten through the vote of mud flats. In spite of their defeat they are still at work. They are organized in every county and will endeavor to have the question submitted to the people again two years hence. In Colorado the measure was once defeated, but finally won. In Montana we would have had woman's suffrage long ago but for our own indifference on the subject.

"If I believed woman's suffrage would disrupt the home I would never favor it. I sincerely believe it would only tend to better government. There can be no just government which has class legislation, and there no more

outrageous form of class legislation than that the men should make the laws for the women. The world moves and in the march of progress Montana will not be far in the rear. Idaho voted on the matter of suffrage this year, and although I have not heard the official returns, I have been told that women suffrage carried there and that Idaho is the fourth state to get in line. I believe Montana will be the next. It is only justice that those who pay taxes should have a voice in the distribution of those taxes. Women for centuries have been classed with idiots, insane persons and the inmates of penitentiaries. Now they have been enfranchised so far as property rights are concerned, and it is only a question of time when they will be given the ballot. All over the state the sentiment is working in the minds of the people. You men will need our votes in 1900. We helped the cause of bi-metalism the best we could in the recent campaign and you will need our votes four years hence. Give us the ballot that we may help you more. Use your influence in this cause of justice, humanity, womanhood and the future welfare of our country, our posterity and the posterity of our glorious institutions."

Among other papers of interest were those of Mrs. Corbin of Butte, Dr. Mary B. Atwater of Marysville and Mrs. Kate A. Gains of Helena, the latter being a history of the national organization. Dr. Atwater's paper was as follows:

It does not take a very keen observer to discover that a new order of things is being inaugurated in the United States. The many millions are asking for and organizing to secure a readjustment of our financial, social, ecclesiastical and political systems. We have the issues of land, labor, tariff, taxes, currency and woman suffrage, but the greatest of these is woman suffrage.

This may amuse the adherents of the other issues, but we insist that the establishing and protection of human rights is paramount to any question that can engage the thought of a nation.

If this is not the fundamental principle upon which our government is founded, what is the principle?

All historians gauge the civilization of nations by the status of women.

Where the human rights of women are not established and protected equally with those of men it is vain to boast of a high civilization.

It has taken 120 years to establish and protect the rights of American men. It has been a blood-stained, war-swept road over which they have reached the ballot box.

Do you know that if the tide of time could be turned back some 200 years that not one man in 50 in Butte would be allowed to vote at any election in America? No, perhaps not 1 in 100.

There were stipulations after stipulations to regulate voting—e. g.: No one could vote who did not belong to a certain church. One must possess so much property—pay so much taxes in order to vote. Within the remembrance of many still in our midst the color of one's complexion made all the difference in the world as to whether they were allowed to express an opinion upon topics of general interest at the ballot box. A decidedly pronounced brunette was barred.

In America to-day one by one the barriers have been swept or burned away.

The religious qualification has been removed, the property qualification is also a thing of the past. Sometimes we regret it when men who own no property, mere rounders, who even evade poll and poor taxes, levy taxes and direct the purposes for which they shall be expended, but are themselves exempt from all taxation. I ask you women taxpayers of Butte if you would not prefer to have at least an equal right with this irresponsible class of male citizens in saying how much you should be taxed.

Do not know for what purposes many women pay taxes in Silver Bow county, but in Lewis and Clarke county one-fifth of all taxes paid are paid by women, who have no voice in the matter.

The color question as regards the ballot was washed away in blood. For four long, weary, gory years men and women marched and counter-marched over the face of this fair land maiming and killing each other in a wild beast effort to see whether a black man should be allowed all the rights, liberties and pursuits of happiness accorded to the white man.

While the men fought and suffered at the front the women of the land worked and suffered at home.

Men sometimes are greatly worried to know what will become of the home and who will take care of the children while the women slip around the corner to vote, but let me ask you who took care of the work, the business, the farm, the shop, and who cared for the families, the children, during this long struggle?

Do you need an answer? Is it not always the woman who steps in and fills all the vacancies, who picks up all the loose ends, and who is both father and mother when the need arises?

These women till the farms and carried on the avocations so far as possible to keep the homes together and to extend aid and comfort to the absent ones. This great army of women has been called the blank cartridge force. Women as a rule would not take kindly to being fired in rows to be shot at, but the fighting force of a nation is in small proportion to the whole number of people and the efficacy of the work done by this small picked band of warriors is maintained by this reserve blank cartridge force. There is a saying that an "army travels on its stomach." Now the woman's share of war has from the earliest dawn of history been the maintenance of the army, to feed and clothe the soldiers, to nurse the sick and wounded and to care for the families left behind. What a wearisome task this proves can only be known by actual experience.

So, while the color qualification of citizenship was being decided we contend that the women of the land were just as useful citizens as the boys in blue and gray, who were devastating property and breaking most of the commandments in the name of patriotism at the front.

In California this election another element obtained that had not been in existence before. There was a native son Chinese vote of some 600 in San Francisco alone which had to be considered.

The women who were working for the woman suffrage amendment in California had to solicit the aid and support of these yellow-skinned, pigtailed, opium-smoked sons of Confucius—citizens of the United States by the grace of Uncle Sam and the United States government, for their amendment; but of these aliens in every sense of the word the extension of the ballot to the women of the state.

Think of your Chinese quarter, if you have one here, and then fancy that these Chinese may have a right to the ballot before you; that they may be allowed to decide matters of grave importance to you and me, while you sit idly by doing fancy work or reading a last new novel. When only the criminals in prison and the idiots at large and women are barred from the political field isn't it about time for you intelligent, educated, thrifty, bread winners to throw off this lethargy and work heart and soul for the removal of the last remaining qualification—that of sex?

If you say women don't want to vote, I must qualify that by saying some women do not, but the negro never asked for the ballot, the Italians who are naturalized in droves in our country just before election times, do not care for it, nor do any other foreigners, but it's rather forced upon them. They would make so many

more votes for their boss, so he naturalizes them and votes them in a flock as he would herd and ship a train load of cattle. To paraphrase—some are born citizens, others achieve citizenship, while some have it thrust upon them.

My attention was called the other day in my own town to three drunken men within as many blocks wobbling along. There go some of these sovereign voters," said the judge to me. "Aren't you glad you live in a land of universal freedom, where there is an unlimited coinage of such citizens?" I replied that it seemed to be at the ratio of 16 bad ones to 1 good one and without the consent of any other nation on earth. It is also certainly without the consent of many people of this country.

The times are so out of joint, political and public matters are so under the control of bosses and corporations and the irresponsible voters that the question of admitting women to the high and honorable estate of citizens is agitated by many people who were once opposed to it.

To these and others we say: You gave life work and money in unlimited quantities to free the slaves, will you not be generous enough to extend the same privileges to your wives and daughters that have been turned to all white men, to all black men and that is now enfranchising all classes of aliens, even the Chinese? It has been said, "ask and ye shall receive," and the life of the next five or six legislatures is liable to be a troublesome one if the demand of the woman suffragists is not granted in the earlier legislatures.

There has never been a presidential campaign where women have played such a part as in this. Major McKinley has been lauded to the skies for his chivalry and attention to his invalid wife. Delegation after delegation of women's republican clubs have called upon him and congratulated him as he stood upon his historic front stoop. While the silver champion, the hero and idol of the "plain people," has been accompanied by his devoted wife during the most of the eventful canvass made of these United States. To her he has turned for counsel oftener than to the campaign managers. Side by side they have shared the honors and the trials of that remarkable tour. Large audiences of women alone have gathered and been addressed by him—a consideration and a courtesy never shown the women of our land before. In our favored sister states of Utah, Wyoming and Colorado, where women have had the divine right of self-government granted them, they have been able to take an active part in this great campaign. But the women of Montana, enthusiastic, with hearts full, tingling to the finger tips with electrical sympathy in this great storm, have had to remain inactive, while every fiber of their composition cried out for an opportunity to work and vote and legislate upon equal terms with the men of the state.

If we shall succeed in carrying our woman suffrage bill through this legislature it will be two years before it can be voted upon by the people of the state and before we shall know whether we are really to have the ballot or not. Then it will not be till two years after that we can participate in a regular election, because they only occur once in two years in Montana. This brings us to the year 1898. Is it not worth your while, women of Montana, to begin to make preparations now for this eventful year? What would you not have given for the right to the ballot in this year of our Lord 1896? What shall deprive you of it in 1897? Nothing can if you are determined and work together for the removal of this last barrier to universal suffrage—the abolition of the sex qualification.

Mary B. Atwater.

ROBBED IN JAIL.

The Novel Experience of a Finlander While in the Cooler.

It does not often happen that a man is robbed in jail, but John Morton, a Finlander, with a very small knowledge of the English language and of the habits of the usual occupants of the city jail, had that experience Wednesday night. He was locked up for disturbance and as he was being put in the jailer to take good care of the \$15.50 that had been taken from him. A prisoner with money is a rare bird and the other prisoners pounced on him and demanded an order for \$1 with which to buy tobacco. He refused to sign it and three rough characters named Connors, Clancy and Smith, escorted him into a back cell and divested him of all of his clothing which was all new. They stripped him to the skin and divided his clothes equally, giving their dirty and ragged garments in exchange and compelling him to put them on. He presented a very nondescript and woe-begone appearance yesterday morning, but refused to tell of the robbery until he was taken out for fear the three fellows would kill him. After some difficulty his clothing was all restored to him and the three thieves were locked up in the cage.

AMES COMING.

The Ames football team will have a game on its hands.

The Ames football team left Lincoln last evening over the Burlington and will reach Butte at 4 o'clock to-morrow morning. The Buttes believe that the townsmen will give them the hardest game they will have this year, and that their team is the only one that can be considered as standing in the way of Butte's winning the western championship. There is no doubt that next Sunday's game will be the hardest one of the season, and if the Buttes win, their confidence, which they go against Butte, will be greatly increased. The Butte lineup will be almost the same as that which faced Denver. McPherson is indisposed and his position at right end will be filled by either Gillis or McMillan, the other one of whom will play the halfback. The Buttes are in splendid condition for a hard game.

ONE HORSE.

Fire Chief Werner Searching for Good Material for the Department.

Fire Chief Werner returned last evening from a five days' trip through Madison county in search of two horses for the fire department. He found that horses such as he wanted are even more scarce in that section than men who voted for McKinley, and during his entire trip he encountered only one horse that would fill the bill. That one could not be purchased without buying his partner, who was an old skote with crooked legs and had to be left behind. The search for suitable horses at a cheap price will now be carried into Beaverhead county.

"Kathleen Mavourneen."

"Kathleen Mavourneen" is having a splendid run at the Union family theater this week. It is a surprisingly strong production and there is no saying it that no traveling company ever gave a better or more finished performance or popular play than the one given by Sutton's stock company at the new family theater.

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